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Box No. I Basis of the report

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- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
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2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-6 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☒ the claims:
- nos. 1-5 as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1/2-2/2 as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
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| Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement | | |
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| 1. Statement | | | |
| Novelty (N) | Claims | <u>1-5</u> | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | <u>1-5</u> | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | <u>1-5</u> | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7) | | | |
| <p>1. This report makes reference to the following documents:</p> <p>D1: US 6 141 130 A (IP ET AL), 31 October 2000 (2000-10-31)</p> <p>D2: JAMES R T B ET AL: "Optically tunable optical filter", APPLIED OPTICS, OPTICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA, WASHINGTON, US, Vol. 34, No. 35, 10 December 1995 (1995-12-10), pages 8230-8235, XP002267107, ISSN: 0003-6935</p> <p>D3: US 2002/136524 A1 (AGHA RIZA NABEEL), 26 September 2002 (2002-09-26)</p> <p>2. Document D1 is regarded as the closest prior art. It discloses (the references in parentheses are to that document) an amplitude equalisation arrangement for wavelength-division multiplexed signals (see the <u>abstract</u>), in which the angle of incidence of the light beam which transmits the WDM signal is modified in relation to the filter (column 5, lines 5-11), achieving a wavelength-dependent filter response with variable parameters in the transmission range.</p> | | | |

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| | <p>The subject matter of independent claim 1 therefore differs from that known disclosure of D1 in that the angle of incidence of the light beam is modified in such a way in relation to the longitudinal axis of a Bragg filter that wavelength-dependent damping with variable pitch is achieved.</p> <p>2.1 The subject matter of claim 1 is thus novel (PCT Article 33(2)).</p> <p>The present invention can therefore be considered to address the problem of achieving a broad-band equalisation of WDM distortion.</p> <p>2.2 The solution to this problem, as proposed in claim 1 of the present application, involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) for the following reasons:</p> <p>None of the known documents proposes the solution selected by the present invention, namely shifting the angle of incidence of a light beam in relation to the longitudinal axis of a Bragg filter.</p> <p>2.3 Claims 2-5 are dependent on claim 1 and thus also meet the PCT novelty and inventive step requirements.</p> |